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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Staff Study on Presidential Library Program

1. Attached is a study on the Presidential Library Program. The study concludes with certain suggestions and recommended action which I feel should be brought to the attention of the Executive Director and possibly the Director. At this point the study is primarily intended to bring you up to date on this program and to seek your guidance on where we should go from here.

2. The focus of the study is on what if anything should be done now to prepare for the Agency's contribution to the Nixon Library. In answering this question the study reviews the Agency's efforts and contributions to the Kennedy and Johnson Libraries. A careful review of the Director's remarks on the Johnson Library suggests that he was sincerely interested in having the Agency make a meaningful contribution. We therefore assume that the Director will expect a similar and perhaps more comprehensive contribution to the Nixon Library.

3. As far as we can determine, neither the Director nor his Deputies ever reviewed the final product (Tabs B and B.1) for the Johnson Library, hence we are in no position to judge whether or not the Director was satisfied with the Agency's efforts on this program. The major gaps in the Johnson Library collection as it now stands are: (1) there is very little from the Office of the Director, and no records of correspondence, special reports, meetings, etc. between the Director and the President and (2) there is nothing on OXCART even though this was specifically mentioned by the DCI as a subject he wanted included in the collection. In regards to the OXCART material, we understand that a major history of the program has now been completed and we may wish to ask the DD3&T to earmark a copy of this history and supporting reference material to be set aside [redacted] for eventual inclusion in the Johnson Library.

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4. In assembling information for the study we worked very closely with Hugh Cunningham and he has concurred in our paper. Hugh indicated that the final product for the Johnson Library represents a significant contribution. However, Hugh is quick to point out that the program may have succeeded in spite of itself, as it was a haphazard and unsystematic affair and he endorses our recommendations that we should start doing something now to ease the burden of responding to a call for the Nixon Library when it comes.


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Chief, Support Services Staff

Attachment

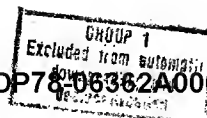
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1. I believe Hal has unwittingly overstated the deficiencies of the CIA contribution to the Johnson Library in paragraph three of his covering memorandum. I have checked these points with Mrs. Marie Fehmer Chiarodo, who as you know was President Johnson's private secretary, and she confirmed my impression that the two subjects mentioned are not lacking from the President's own files.

2. All correspondence between the Director and the President would be preserved for the President's files as a matter of course. Any special reports or other documents known to have been seen by the President were also preserved as a matter of course. Meetings which the Director attended with the President were also attended by a note taker who wrote them up for the records. Since I had been assured of these points early in the compilation of the CIA contribution they explain why I did not myself devote special attention to this phase of the subject.

3. Mrs. Chiarodo believes that there is a good deal of information on OXCART in the Presidential files for the reasons cited above. It was in the expectation that the history of OXCART then in progress could be made available to the CIA collection for the Johnson Library [REDACTED] that I myself did not try to bring about any other collection of material on OXCART for the Library. I therefore would like to reinforce Hal's suggestion that the DD/S&T earmark a copy of this history for inclusion in the Johnson collection [REDACTED]

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